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I. CHAD

A. ECONOMIC PROFILE

POPULATION: ESTIMATED 4.1 MILLION

RATE OF GROWTH: 2.3 PERCENT

NUMBER OF BIRTHS ANNUALLY: AT AN ESTIMATED BIRTHRATE OF
48/1,000 THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL BIRTHRATE IS 196,800.

PERCAPITA INCOME: DOLS ' PER YEAR IN REAL TERMS (1967-
1969 CONSTANT)

GROWTH OF PER CAPITA INCOME: MINUS 1 PERCENT PER YEAR
USING 1969 AS BASE YEAR.

OVERALL REAL RATE OF GROWTH FROM 1970-1975: .7 PERCENT
DRASTIC DROP CAUSED BY DROUGHT IN 1971 AND 1973 FROM WHICH
THE ECONOMY HAS NOT YET RECOVERED.

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MAJOR EXPORTS: COTTON (87 PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPORTS),
LIVE CATTLE, AND BEEF.

EXPORT DEPENDENCIES: FRANCE AND NIGERIA

LITERACY RATE: 7 PERCENT

LIFE EXPECTANCY: 39 YEARS

PEOPLE PER DOCTOR: ONE DOCTOR FOR 39,000 PEOPLE

NUTRITION: CALORIE INTAKE AS PERCENT OF REQUIREMENT --
1970 FIGURE IS 86 PERCENT, PRESENT ESTIMATE IS 80
PERCENT.

B. POLITICAL SITUATION

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT UNDER MILITARY
SINCE APRIL 13, 1975.

POLITICAL SITUATION: THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS APPROXIMATELY
25 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S TERRITORY, THE MOST POPULOUS AND
PRODUCTIVE PORTION. ALL GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE RETREATED
FROM THE NORTHERN TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNTRY AFTER THE MAJOR
MILITARY STRONGHOLDS WERE CAPTURED BY LIBYAN-BACKED REBELS
IN FROLINAT). FORTY PERCENT OF THE CHADIAN ARMY HAS BEEN
KILLED OR CAPTURED. LIBYA HAS ANNEXED AND OCCUPIED A
SECTION OF NORTHERN CHAD (THE AOZOU STRIP). OTHER POLITICAL
PROBLEMS INCLUDE BANDITS IN THE SOUTHEAST AND LITTLE SENSE
OF NATIONAL IDENTITY AMONG THE 20 OR MORE TRIBES LOCATED
IN THE COUNTRY.

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C. HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS

CHAD'S RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IS AMONG THE BEST IN
AFRICA. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT STOPPED THE MANDATORY
SAVAGE INITIATION RIGHTS AND MUCH OF THE CORRUPTION WHICH
TAINTED THE FORMER REGIME. ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNA-
TIONAL, REPORTS OF TORTURE HAVE CEASED. ON FEBRUARY 22 OF
THIS YEAR, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THE
RELEASE OF 141 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND A DESIRE FOR RETURN
TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. WHILE THE NEWS MEDIA IS GOVERNMENT
OWNED, CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES HAS BEEN ALLOWED.
RADIO FROLINAT (THE QUOTE REBEL RADIO UNQUOTE) WAS NOT
JAMMED UNTIL IT BEGAN TO GIVE REBEL TROOP MOVEMENT
INSTRUCTIONS.

II. U.S. INTERESTS AND POLICIES

A. POLITICAL

IT IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST (1) TO KEEP A MODERATE NON-
ALIGNED OR PRO-WESTERN GOVERNMENT WITH A GOOD HUMAN RIGHTS
RECORD IN CONTROL OF CHAD; (2) TO HAVE ACCESS TO CHAD'S

POTENTIAL MINERAL WEALTH ESPECIALLY PETROLEUM AND URANIUM
AS ENERGY SOURCES OF THE FUTURE; (3) TO HAVE THE SUPPORT
OF CHAD AS WELL AS OTHER MODERATE AFRICAN NATIONS IN INTER-
NATIONAL FORUM.

B. SECURITY

THE PRESENT SECURITY INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN
CHAD IS THE PROTECTION OF ITS CITIZENS IN AN UNEASY
SECURITY SITUATION. WE HAVE NO MUTUAL SECURITY TREATIES
WITH CHAD, BUT WE HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPAL TO ATTEMPT TO
FIND WAYS TO ASSIST CHAD PROTECT ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

C. ECONOMIC

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TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHAD IS FAVORABLE TO THE
UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES IMPORTS NO CRITICAL
MATERIALS FROM CHAD. THE SECOND LARGEST COMMERCIAL
CONCERN IN THE COUNTRY IS CONOCO TCHAD OF WHICH 1/2 IS
OWNED BY AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES. ITS OPERATIONS ARE CON-
CENTRATED IN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION. APPROXIMATELY DOLS
88 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT IN CHAD BY CONOCO TCHAD SINCE
EXPLORATION BEGAN IN 1970.

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III. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. U.S. BILATERAL	1977	1978	1979
DEVELOPMENT	5,467	14,378	22,397
PL-480	3,774	636	636
SSA	N/A	N/A	N/A
B. IFI PROGRAMS	10	15	20
C. OTHER DONORS	80	85	90

IV. OBJECTIVES OF U.S. ASSISTANCE

A. DEVELOPMENT AID -- THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE AID PROGRAM IN CHAD IS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS ARE THE AID/PEACE CORPS SANITARY WELLS AND THE AID/CARE ACACIA ALBIDA REFORESTATION PROJECT. THE BILATERAL AID PROGRAM FOR CHAD BEGAN IN 1974. FROM 1974 TO 1976 THE TOTAL AID GIVEN CHAD THRU THIS PROGRAM WAS DOLS 15.1 MILLION.

B. PL -480 -- CURRENT OBJECTIVES:
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(1) TO PROVIDE FOOD AID AS A PART OF A MULTIDONOR EFFORT TO COMBAT THE RESULTS OF GENERALIZED BROUGHT, AND

(2) TO INCREASE NUTRITION LEVELS BY SUPPORTING VILLAGE LEVEL FOOD-FOR-WORK PROGRAMS MANAGED BY PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS.

C. SA -- NO SECURITY ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO CHAD AT THIS TIME.BRADFORD

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